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The sound of the jackboot is music in the ears

While the pundits in the western world are mournfully hailing Chancellor Adenauer's army as a "lesser evil" (they don't say to what) the W. German trade unions are telling Adenauer and the world they don't like the idea at all. Adenauer may find more opposition at home than he's getting elsewhere in the "free world" (see Tabitha Petran, this page).

ELECTION EVE: THE NATIONAL SCENE

Trend to Democrats; few independents run

By Lawrence Emery

POLITICAL dopesters, always willing to predict election results, last week saw a trend toward Democrats. The **Wall St. Journal,** after a nationwide survey, reported:

> "Scarcely a single voter interviewed who backed the Democrats in 1952 said he is now aiming to switch to the GOP. But a sizable percentage of Eisenhower admirers who voted Republican two years ago are now saying they've 'had enough' and are preparing to vote Democratic in November."

Whether the trend away from Eisenhower Republicans was strong enough to carry beyond Democrats to support of independent progressives was hard to say. Few independents were running for office; where they were it was largely a holding action to preserve a third party place on the ballot.

TAYLOR'S RACE: A few contests were attracting national attention. One of these is Glen Taylor's bid for a comeback against Idaho's GOP Sen. Henry C. Dworshak. By last week Republicans were openly worried by his aggressive campaign; Taylor is not only forthright in his support of all progressive domestic policies but vigorously attacks U.S. bi-partisan foreign policy. He calls the Eisenhower administration "the most corrupt in all history." The **N.Y. Times** reported Oct. 9:

> "He is by all odds the chief contributor to whatever sleeplessness is nagging Idaho Republicans."

Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) backed Taylor in a recent speech in Boise when he "forgave" him for leaving the Democratic Party in 1948 to run as Henry Wallace's running-mate on the Progressive Party ticket; Kefauver said a man's mistakes should not be held against him forever.

DEMS SPLIT: Although Taylor has been endorsed by the state Democratic committee since he won the nomination, he does not enjoy the undivided support of that party. The N. Y. **Times** reported Sept. 13:

> "The Idaho Democratic Party now is controlled by its liberal wing, the first time this has happened. Conservatives quietly are telling each other that they must assure the defeat of Mr. Taylor and Clark Hamilton, the gubernatorial candidate, so they may regain control of the party."

But Republicans aren't happy with their candidate. The Idaho **Statesman,** influential pro-Republican newspaper, said recently of Sen. Dworshak:

> "Should the Senator be defeated this election, which we certainly hope doesn't happen . . . one of the major reasons will be his chronic habit of straddling the fence, even when it leaves him politically saddle-sore."

PREDICTION: Taylor meanwhile is predicting—and preparing for—a last-minute GOP effort to defeat him with a red smear:

> "I have heard that . . . they plan to forge a Communist Party card

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ELECTION EVE: THE WORLD SCENE

New chance offered for policy of peace

By Tabitha Petran

FOREIGN policy, say political commentators, is not an issue in the 1954 Congressional elections. Yet Americans have let Roosevelt's peaceful coexistence policy—which they overwhelmingly supported ten years ago—be reversed by "rightist reaction" (as FDR called it); and on election eve, the price they have paid for this has never been more apparent. Now, after nearly a decade of "cold war," a new opportunity is offered to reassert U.S. national interests by rejecting it for a policy of peace.

The opportunity arises basically out of the failure of Washington's hot and "cold" wars; it is being opened up by the new Soviet initiative to find an agreement to make peace. This initiative is directed to two key issues: outlawing atomic-hydrogen war and peaceful reunification of Germany. **On both issues the U.S.S.R. proposes to negotiate on the basis of previously-offered Western plans.**

VANISHED OBSTACLES: On disarmament, Deputy Foreign Minister Gromyko emphasized to Western correspondents in Moscow that the new Soviet plan presented to the UN General Assembly is based on "the British-French-U.S. proposals of last June," and that the U.S.S.R. now agrees that a ban on mass-destruction weapons should come not as the first step, but after reduction of conventional arms. If, as Washington has claimed, Soviet refusal to agree to prior conventional arms reduction has been a major obstacle to atomic weapons control, then this obstacle has been removed.

On Germany, Foreign Minister Molotov called in Berlin for prompt withdrawal of all occupation troops and a new four-power conference to reunify, neutralize and evacuate Germany. Following the failure of EDC, he said,

> ". . . new possibilities have arisen to bring nearer to each other the points of view of the four powers on free all-German elections. We are willing to discuss all those Western proposals made at the Berlin Conference on free elections as well as any new ones."

If, as Washington has claimed, Soviet refusal to agree to "free elections" is the major obstacle to German reunification, the chance to remove this obstacle has now been offered. But U.S. reaction to Moscow's new concessions

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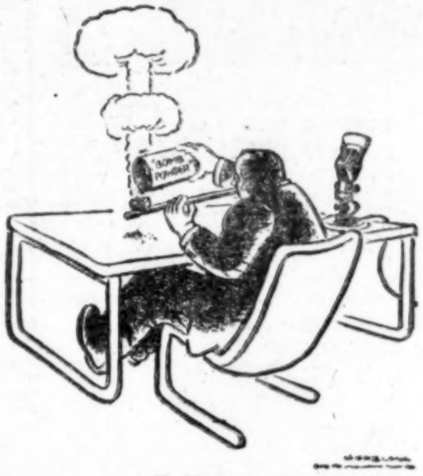
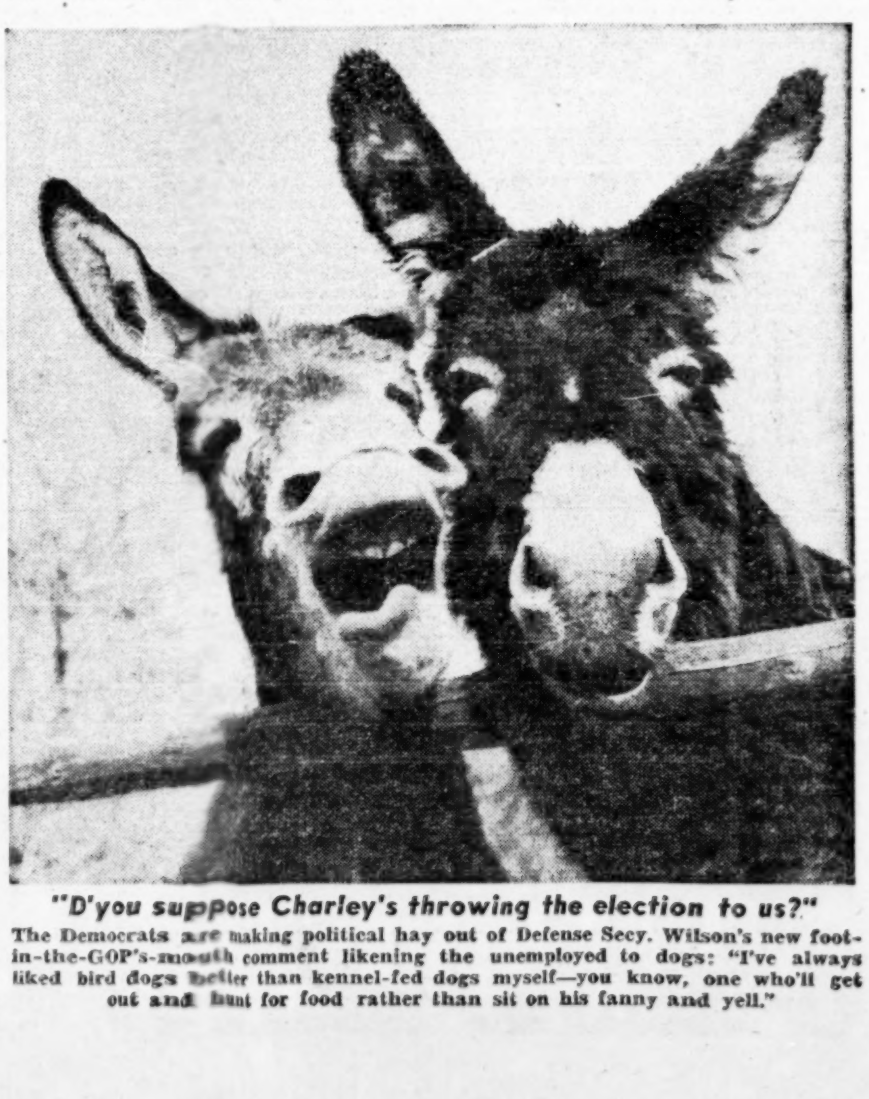


Herblock in Washington Post

Such stuff as dreams are made of.



"D'you suppose Charley's throwing the election to us?"

The Democrats are making political hay out of Defense Secy. Wilson's new foot-in-the-GOP's-mouth comment likening the unemployed to dogs: "I've always liked bird dogs better than kennel-fed dogs myself—you know, one who'll get out and hunt for food rather than sit on his fanny and yell."

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"For lords and kings I dinna mourn,
E'en let them die, for that they're born."
—ROBERT BURNS.

REPORT TO READERS

Coast-to-Coast hookup

FOR THE LAST FEW WEEKS we have been sending sample copies of the GUARDIAN to a great number of American Labor Party members in metropolitan and upstate New York.

If you are one of these recipients, this is the last sample issue we are permitted to send you, but we most certainly want to keep you in the GUARDIAN family circle, now that we've been properly introduced.

When you got your first sample issue, you got a note containing a sub blank, offering you a six-month introductory sub for $1 or proposing that you sign up as a year-'round subscriber now, and let us bill you.

IF YOU'RE LIKE WE ARE, you still have that note around somewhere—so we ask you to dig it out (you got it around the end of September). A postage-paid reply envelope was enclosed (and also a rather handsome premium offer) so search around, if you haven't already replied, and give us your answer true. If we get your reply by Wednesday, the paper will keep coming to you without interruption. If you want your paper wrapped, just say so when you write us.

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OUT LOS ANGELES WAY a real bumper crowd has already signed up for the annual GUARDIAN Ball at Ciro's on Dec. 10. The Young Man With the Horn in the ad on p. 5 gives all the details. But before you flip back through the paper, a word on that $30-a-couple **couvert,** just in case anybody gets the idea we're catering to the carriage trade only.

At the first annual GUARDIAN Ball last year (where a goodly 600 people turned out for a swell topical show and a grand evening all around) the guests raised their admission money beforehand among their friends by all manner of means. People sold subs, baby-sat, held small theater parties; jam, jelly and candy sales; blintzes breakfasts, spaghetti suppers. Many said later they had almost as much fun raising the money as they had when the big night rolled around.

SO DON'T GET US WRONG, we're not high-hatting anyone. The idea of the Ball is to have a pre-holiday get-together of people who have been really digging in on GUARDIAN sustaining projects—and we'd like this to include every GUARDIAN Angeleno.

—THE EDITORS

THE MAIL BAG
U S M

How crazy can you get dept.

NEW HYDE PARK, L. I.—Mrs. Maude Willdigg had tried all summer to get the board of Union Free School Dist. 5 to ban "Russia" by Vernon Ives. . . . [The board] finally moved against it Saturday after consulting with state education officials. . . .

Mrs. Willdigg said today: "It's a pretty sad state of affairs when local school officials have to go to Albany before they take a book off the shelves. We have true democracy in our school district. We can ban a book on our own."

—N. Y. World-Telegram, Sept. 13.

One-year free sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner, Anon., New York City.

UN vote on China

CHICAGO, ILL.

The UN General Assembly vote not to seat China was 43 to 11 with 6 abstaining. In millions of population, it would be 678 to 649 with 122 abstaining—of a world total of 2,500.

Inasmuch as Formosa (8) voted, China (464) also should be counted. This gives 678 to 1 113 with 122 abstaining. **Albert Bofman**

W. European "defense"

NEW YORK, N. Y.

The W. European defense alliance is really not intended to prevent aggression from Russia. It is some kind of a stupid design on the part of capitalists to forestall possible revolutionary uprising by the people, and to keep the common man from getting back the property which he has produced and which was stolen from him.

The GOP has a monopoly on stupidity. The Republicans are going to take a good licking in this coming election, which would indicate that the mind of John Q. Public is beginning to stir. All liberals should help defeat the Republicans. **Staunch supporter**

Quotes

BERKELEY, CALIF.

With a letter which I wrote the President re UMT, I enclosed quotes from sociologist Robert Lynd and from Dorothy Day, editor of the Catholic Worker, thanks to the GUARDIAN. **Olive Burroughs**

Denver: excessive bail

DENVER, COLO.

On Aug. 1, five citizens of the Rocky Mountain area were arrested and imprisoned on the charge of "conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the government by force and violence." The next day we (the undersigned) were arrested on the same charge.

Bail for each of us was originally set at $100,000. The two of us are now out on $5,000 bail pending our trial. But our co-defendants (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bary, Mrs. Patricia Blau, Lewis Johnson and Harold Zepelin) remain in jail because of the excessively high bail, ranging from $10,000 to $30,000. Total bail: $95,000.

The Dept. of Justice has apparently chosen this case as a major vehicle for a new policy—to punish Smith Act victims prior to trial and to make it impossible for them to prepare any kind of defense.

Prior to this case and to the recent case of Claude Lightfoot in Chicago ($30,000 bail demanded), bail for Smith Act defendants before trial has been customarily set at between $5,000 and $10,000.

It is impossible, in today's McCarthyite climate of fear, to raise $95 000 for bail. As a result they have already, prior to any trial, served 62 days in jail as of Oct. 2. Bary is suffering from an advanced case of bronchiectasis and further imprisonment (in confined quarters on an "oatmeal and beans" diet) will endanger his life.

Our co-defendants have thus far been unable to secure counsel, to adequately consult among themselves, to secure possible defense witnesses, or to take any other necessary steps for a defense. What one may think of the defendants' political views becomes unimportant in the face of the threat to all independent-minded Americans represented by the excessively high bail. To permit this injustice to go unchallenged because it affects Communists today, is to open ~~the gate~~ for attacks upon millions of other Americans whom McCarthyism may brand as "subversive" tomorrow.

We urge you to help by writing U. S. Attorney Donald Kelley, U. S. Post Office Building, Denver, Colo., requesting a reduction of bail to a reasonable amount; and by sending a financial contribution to further the effort for reasonable bail.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Scherrer
P. O. Box 2639, Denver, Colo.

Let the sheriff wait

GRETNA, VA.

You will notice that I have enclosed $3. I am a farmer. Some months I have not been able to send anything—so when I do get the money I will send enough to make up a minimum of $12 a year.

This makes the third year of the drought here in Virginia. Drought or no drought, the cost of farming remains high, sometimes leaving me only a jump or two ahead of the sheriff. Nevertheless, as long as there is a NATIONAL GUARDIAN you can count on me to help. **R. S. H.**

Sequoia, Rah!

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The Sequoia School (as you may see in the classified column) is announcing a six-week session beginning Nov. 1. This is only remarkable when you consider that we began last year with a budget of $11.25 and have maintained classes for four quarters without a center and with only the GUARDIAN ad to declare our existence.

This time we leap forward from living room classes to a shabby, respectable class room of our own. The founding faculty, Thomas McGrath, Dr. Richard Slobodin and Janet Stevenson, will be teaching Verse Writing, Races & Racism and Problems of Dramatic Writing, respectively. We offer neither degrees nor credit but we have something rare in the university class room today . . . highly trained and skilled teachers . . . teaching honestly.

Alice McGrath (Dean of Men and Women and Bursar)

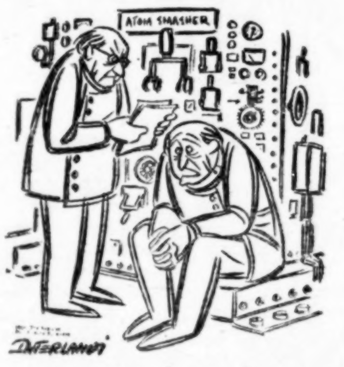
A "non-mailable" book

NORWALK, O.

The good suggestion signed B. O. from Detroit in a recent Mailbag letter came all too late to use: **Catholic Imperialism and World Freedom,** by Avro Manhattan, has been declared "non-mailable" in the U. S. and 41 copies of our consignment of 50—held up in the Cleveland Post Office and/or Customs Office from mid-January to mid-July—were ordered returned to Watts & Co., the London publishers. One copy was retained at Washington, D. C., by "The Solicitor," P. O. Dept., and eight were received by us Jan. 10.

The Manhattan book is more than 500 pages of factual history of the subversive activities of the Vatican in the politics of every nation on earth, over many centuries, and continuing up to October, 1952, when the book was sent to press. It is distasteful to the Roman Catholic officialdom which has infiltrated our government on all levels.

The 100-odd millions of non-Roman Catholics in the U. S. would like to get the above facts. How do they proceed? **Ray S. Kellogg**



Interlandi in L. A. Daily News

"Sometimes I wish there were a way to put the atom back together again."

For Cedric Belfrage

RIVERSIDE, CONN.

I hasten to send $10 for the Belfrage Fight-Back Fund. I think Mr. Belfrage is much more needed here than in England. He and his colleagues have done a remarkably fine job on the GUARDIAN, with the small means at their disposal. We have so little of sanity and truth left in the country. **Agnes Aanes**

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NEW YORK, N. Y.

Do not let us be intimidated by these little men in high places. We must fight back in order to get respect from the peoples of the world. I condemn this disgraceful persecution by the McCarthy pack of fascists of a great fighter for peace and democracy. This pack of despicable characters will not always have things their own way. Of that I am certain. **H. Katzen**

A poet's truth

BURBANK, CALIF.

"The curious thing in this world is not the stupidity, but the upper-handedness of the stupidity."

The above was written in a letter by Elizabeth Barrett Browning in 1845. That was 109 years ago. But it might have been written today. **Frances Manning**

Anyone reply?

CLINTON, ILL.

Why outlaw a political party that can never do anything more than hold the spotlight on the two old regular parties, which care no more for humanity than a pig for market? **P. E. Roll**

Situation in Kansas

KANSAS CITY, KANS.

There is only one large newspaper in this vicinity, the **Kansas City Star.** With the capitalist propaganda they print they have the common people's minds so poisoned here it is hard to find an adult that can talk on anything intelligently. They reason as though Indo-China, Formosa—in fact the whole world excepting the socialist nations—are U. S. possessions. So you may now understand why I depend on the GUARDIAN for my news. **Elmer Hutson**

Hope to slow it down

OJAI, CALIF.

We " 'Blasting' Ojai Guerrillas," as you choose to call us, would like to clear up a few points to some GUARDIAN readers who saw fit to "blast" our letter of Sept. 27. We conclude there is but one basic difference of opinion between us: the time limit in building a broad-minded Third Party movement.

We contend the present Republican administration is hell-bent on plunging our country into a fascist dictatorship before the people get wised up, and remind you that they do not have to overthrow the government—they are already in high places. All they need to do is create a pretext and tighten up their military state apparatus.

In our letter we simply objected to being called un-self-respecting Americans if we chose to (swallow our self-respect) and "cast a ballot for anyone who voted for these [Brownell] bills." Also we said NOTHING about New York State or California State elections.

If the voters next month give the present Republican administration their stamp of approval, will they go hog-wild and outlaw the Third Party, among other things? We think and hope, in order NOT to give the administration a stamp of approval, we must vote for DEMOCRATIC Congressmen and U. S. Senators at least, thereby slow down the tempo to war and fascism. Also by our presence in the democratic ranks we will be more effective in influencing those "who voted for these bills" from giving so much aid and comfort to war and fascism. **B. G.**

Proof of the moron

BLOOMFIELD, CONN.

According to our Constitution the right to declare war is vested in Congress. Yet our President, with the approval of our Senators, appointed as Secy. of State a self-styled Christian with Hitler ideas who has so shaped, and is continuing to so shape, our foreign policy, that the inevitable result is war—atomic war!

And, as yet, there is no effective protest from the leaders of the press, the church, the unions, or of the people themselves.

And our representatives — both Democratic and Republican — in passing those final laws of the 83rd Congress acted upon the assumption that the common people were devoid of common sense. Our passive acceptance of those laws and our willingness to allow an appointed official to lead us into an atomic war will prove that our elected representatives were correct in their assumption. And a vote for either Democratic or Republican ticket where ever there is a Third Party on the ballot will be the final proof that we really are a nation of morons, unable to decide what is best for ourselves.

Fred M. Mansur

Shifting time

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Could you possibly have included in the ALP platform an item against this perpetual changing of the clock from Standard to Daylight Saving Time and back again? This constant disrupting of normal health habits is especially hard on old people and little children.

No one whom I have ever spoken to about this matter has had a good word for it. One old doctor I knew simply refused to have anything to do with what he called "this swindle time"; and elderly people are particularly bitter about it. It disturbs their sleep, appetite and physical functions; and often makes them ill for weeks. And by the time they do get somewhat adjusted to it, if they ever do, they have got to change the clock back again. **Old (not in years) subscriber**

Comfort and violence

"Referring to some recent editorial comments on the need for contemporary writers to deal with unhappy matters, Henry Beston [writer and naturalist] wrote: 'I entirely agree with you in what you write about the propriety—nay duty—of the literary artist to portray a drifting, neurotic culture if that happens to be the culture of his time. Returning from Europe last autumn, it struck me that the two pillars of our American culture were comfort and violence. There seemed to be very little happiness and only doubtful gusto, even among the young.' "

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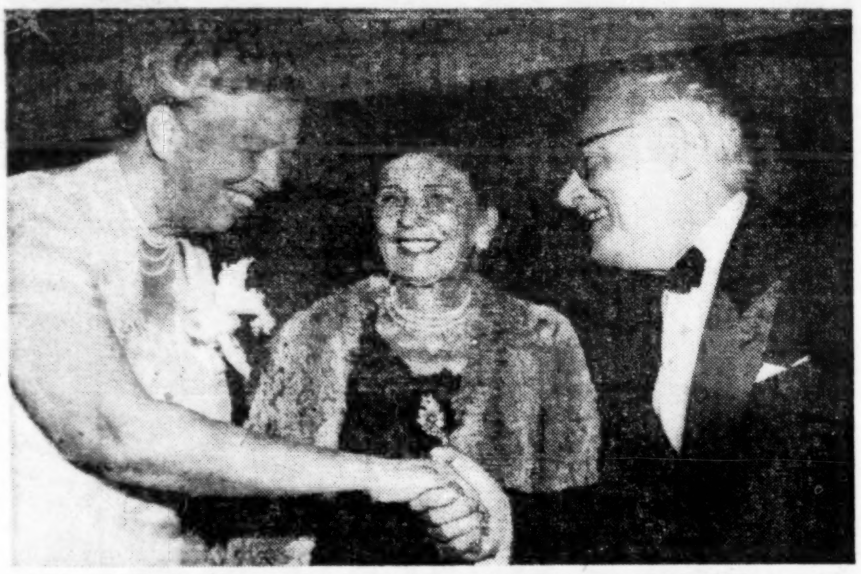
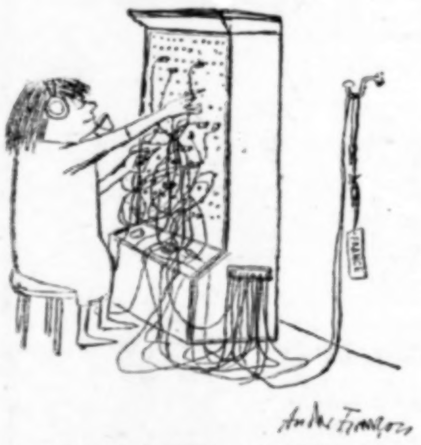


MRS. ROOSEVELT HONORED ON HER 70TH BIRTHDAY
The notables of the world gathered at New York's Hotel Roosevelt Oct. 11 to congratulate Mrs. F. D. R. Among them were the Soviet Union's Andrei Vishinsky and Mrs. Vishinsky (c.).

lent support to those who believe Washington is not interested in settling international problems but only in preparing war against the socialist world.

WELL, IT'S ACADEMIC: The **Wall St. Journal** (10/7) said Soviet agreement to disarm "more or less on the West's terms" would not be in the U.S.'s interests, since "the Soviet Communists would have to stop being Soviet Communists" before the West could agree to disarm. To the N.Y. **World-Telegram** (10/9), "the whole subject is academic because to disarm before a basis for peace has been found would be putting the cart before the horse." U.S., British and French statements in the UN Assembly's first debate on the Soviet disarmament plan reflected these approaches and indicated that as yet the West is prepared to make no concessions. Vishinsky's answer was concilliatory, pressing the need for give-and-take and revealing, almost incidentally, that the U.S.S.R. began to produce A-bombs in 1947.



Francois in Tribune des Nations, Paris
THE GERMAN QUESTION

A White House spokesman dismissed Molotov's German proposals as "just another old Russian trick." But the N.Y. Times' Bonn correspondent called the Soviet price for reunification "fairly low"—simply that a reunified Germany "must stand clear of entangling alliances"—a solution already widely supported, he said, in W. Germany.

UNDISPOSABLE "BODY": Declaring that the proposals contained nothing new, Paris, London and Washington hurriedly sought to bury them. Yet in fact they have a clear and potent appeal to the national interests of all countries concerned. **NYT** (10/7) conceded that they are very close to the solution being pushed by the W. German Social Democrats and even by some members of Chancellor Adenauer's coalition. The SD position was greatly strengthened when the W. German Trade Union Fedn., almost as right-wing as the AFL, representing six million workers, reversed an earlier position to vote almost unanimously against rearmament until "all possibilities for negotiation [with the U.S.S.R.] on reunification have been exhausted," and voiced concern that the London agreement to rearm W. Germany would create "an authoritarian military state." Adenauer's chances of winning ratification of the London pact seemed to be diminishing as its meaning (50-year occupation by allied troops and indefinite postponement of reunification), and the hope offered by Molotov's proposals, began to sink in.

In France, opposition to the London agreement was strong; it forced Premier Mendes-France to ask a vote of confidence on a resolution permitting continuation of the London negotiations. He won 350-113, although **Le Monde** said not more than 150 deputies really favored the London pact.

The Socialist Party decision to support him—taken while its chief opponent of German rearmament, Jules Moch, was at the UN in New York—greatly strengthens Mendes-France's hand. But "most Frenchmen," **NYT** (10/10) reported, still believe German rearmament will lead to World War III and "is not a good way to reach a greatly desirable settlement with the U.S.S.R." In Britain, Aneurin Bevan spoke for most of labor's rank and file:

> "For 44 years to come the flower of British manhood is to be committed to staying in W. Europe because Eden's solution to the German problem is so wise that France is frightened of its wisdom. . . . Rearmament of Germany carried out against the wishes of the German workers surely is an outrageous thing to do."

Considering the London agreement in light of U.S. interests, banker **James P. Warburg** called it "reckless and irresponsible," said it would

> ". . . lead to war rather than peace [and] has handed over the future of Europe to an as yet shapeless and partitioned Germany. . . . We have given the Germans everything within our power to give . . . created a situation in which the Germans will now inevitably look to the East, rather than the West, for the satisfaction of their remaining ambitions."

"THE MORE ONE THINKS": Although the initial glowing optimism of Western governments was beginning to fade last week, the agreement may be ratified. If it is, the W. German army is almost certain to be anti-Western. Responsible U.S. correspondents in Bonn have repeatedly sounded this warning and emphasized that "the great unknown in German politics" is the survival of the Adenauer coalition upon which Washington's policy depends. Sen. Ralph **Flanders** (R-Vt.), returning from Europe, appeared to concede that the U.S.' real interests—like W. Europe's—lie in peaceful reunification of a neutral Germany. He proposed a joint Soviet-Western guarantee of German neutrality, declaring:

> "The more one thinks about it, the more dubious becomes the massive rearmament approach to German unification except at the price of initiating or at least engaging in World War III."

What happens in Germany, India's Krishna Menon told UN (10/6), "will decide, to a very considerable extent, the question of peace or war. . . . It is in Europe that the great wars have all begun. . . ." (He aroused the fury of the U.S. press by suggesting what most of the world regards as sensible: that E. and W. Germany get together to arrange all-German elections.) But on this key issue—as on the one of atomic-hydrogen weapons—the American people have no vote and little say, facing a choice between the demagogy of Republican and Democratic parties neither of which has a program to guide the nation off the road to disaster.

6 TO 1 AGAINST: Yet even in this situation the issue of war and peace is indirectly a factor in the elections. After talking with West Coast political leaders of both parties, Thomas L. Stokes (N.Y. **Post**, 10/5) reported that they found widespread "concern over foreign policy goes down to the rank-and-file citizen and voter." The state of mind

> ". . . seems to embrace a feeling of unease, uncertainty and confusion, both as to what is transpiring in the world and as to just what our policy is to meet the various situations. . . . One outgrowth of the anxiety and confusion . . . is a fear . . . that we may suddenly become involved in a major war."

U.S. News (10/1) found one of the voter's chief worries is "over the danger that a new war might break out" and military conscription. A Sept. 28 Gallup Poll drew an almost 6-to-1 "No" to the question: "Should we go to war against Russia now while we still have the advantage in atomic and hydrogen bombs?" This is a way of asking Do you favor a preventive war? said Joseph C. Harsch (**Christian Science Monitor**, 10/6), adding: "There can be little serious doubt about the inclination of the American citizenry on this issue."

As former Air Secy. Thomas Finletter pointed out (**Power & Policy**), there is no such thing as preventive war but "only World War III."' Although confused by almost a decade of government and monopoly-press propaganda, the American people's basic support for peace and Roosevelt's co-existence policy has acted, to some extent, as a brake on the bi-partisan drive to World War III. Another opportunity has come to summon this potential to turn back toward peace; but this cannot be done if the central role the war policy plays in all other issues is obscured.

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> in my name and photostat it and flood the state with it just before election when it is too late to do something about it. I say it is a damnable lie, that I have never even seen a Communist Party card in my life, much less own one."

The Political Action Committee, Northwest Council, of the independent Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers says of Taylor:

> "His opponents are trying to defeat him because he ran for Vice-President with Wallace on the Progressive ticket. Taylor justified this action by pointing out that all he said and warned about getting involved in Korea and elsewhere has been proven as correct and that a large majority now agree with him. Taylor is rated as having one of the best voting records during his term as Senator from Idaho."

OREGON CONTEST: National interest is also centered on the contest in Oregon between Democrat Richard Neuberger and GOP incumbent Guy Cordon, one of the most reactionary members of Congress. All of the state's organized labor, with the cooperation of the Grange and the Farmers Union, are backing Neuberger who, as a State Senator, has won a reputation as a supporter of farm and labor legislation and an opponent of the private power interests. The Salem, Ore., **Capital Press** says of him:

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Interest in the Neuberger campaign is increased by the fact that Oregon has not elected a Democratic Senator since 1914.

NIXON TO RESCUE: Another hot race is in California's Sixth Congressional District where Democratic Rep. Robert L. Condon is seeking a second term. Because Condon was barred for "security reasons" by the Atomic Energy Commission from witnessing an atomic bomb test, State Democratic leaders refuse to support him, but he has strong local support from labor and some farm groups. He has denied any connections or sympathies that would make him a "security risk." His strong bid for re-election caused Vice-President Richard Nixon last week to undertake a three-day political tour of his district in support of GOP candidate John Baldwin. His main talking point was that Baldwin can be depended upon "to be present and vote in favor of bills to protect the U.S. against spies and saboteurs."

In Minnesota the GOP is trying to defeat Sen. Hubert Humphrey, the "liberal" Democrat who stampeded Congress into adopting anti-labor legislation more repressive than the Administration dared demand. His opponent is Val Bjornson, State Treasurer, who is campaigning on the Eisenhower record except for reservations on the GOP farm program. Three independent progressives who filed for Congress in the Democratic-Farmer-Labor party were defeated in the primaries, but the DFL as a whole polled a bigger primary vote than the Republicans for the first time since 1944.

SMALL CHOICE: The Minnesota Progressive Party is running no candidates this year; in an election statement it said:

> "The first task of all people concerned with the nation's welfare is to declare in unison: 'The Republicans must be defeated!'

The PP also criticized Democrats:

> "The Progressive Party of Minnesota agrees with [the] aim of defeating the candidates of the Big Corporation-Eisenhower coalition as the major aim in November. We would favor independent candidates devoted wholeheartedly to peace, freedom and the people's well-being, brought forward with the backing of the big trade unions and farm organizations. Because it is not possible to have such a broad representative slate of candidates this year, the Progressive Party will not nominate its own candidates. But, in withholding the nomination of PP candidates we sound these serious warnings to the people:
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The statement suggested as a solution year-round pressure on politicians to enforce the demands of the electorate:

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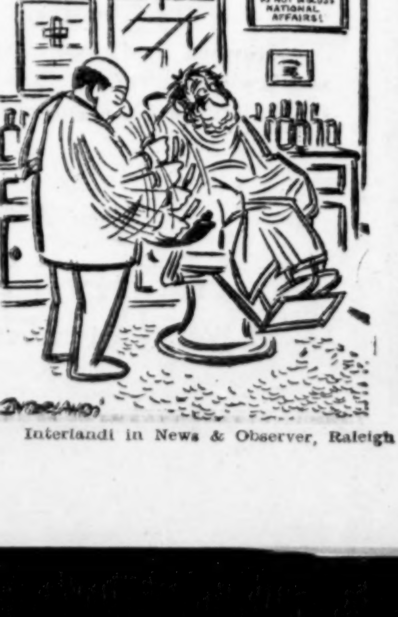
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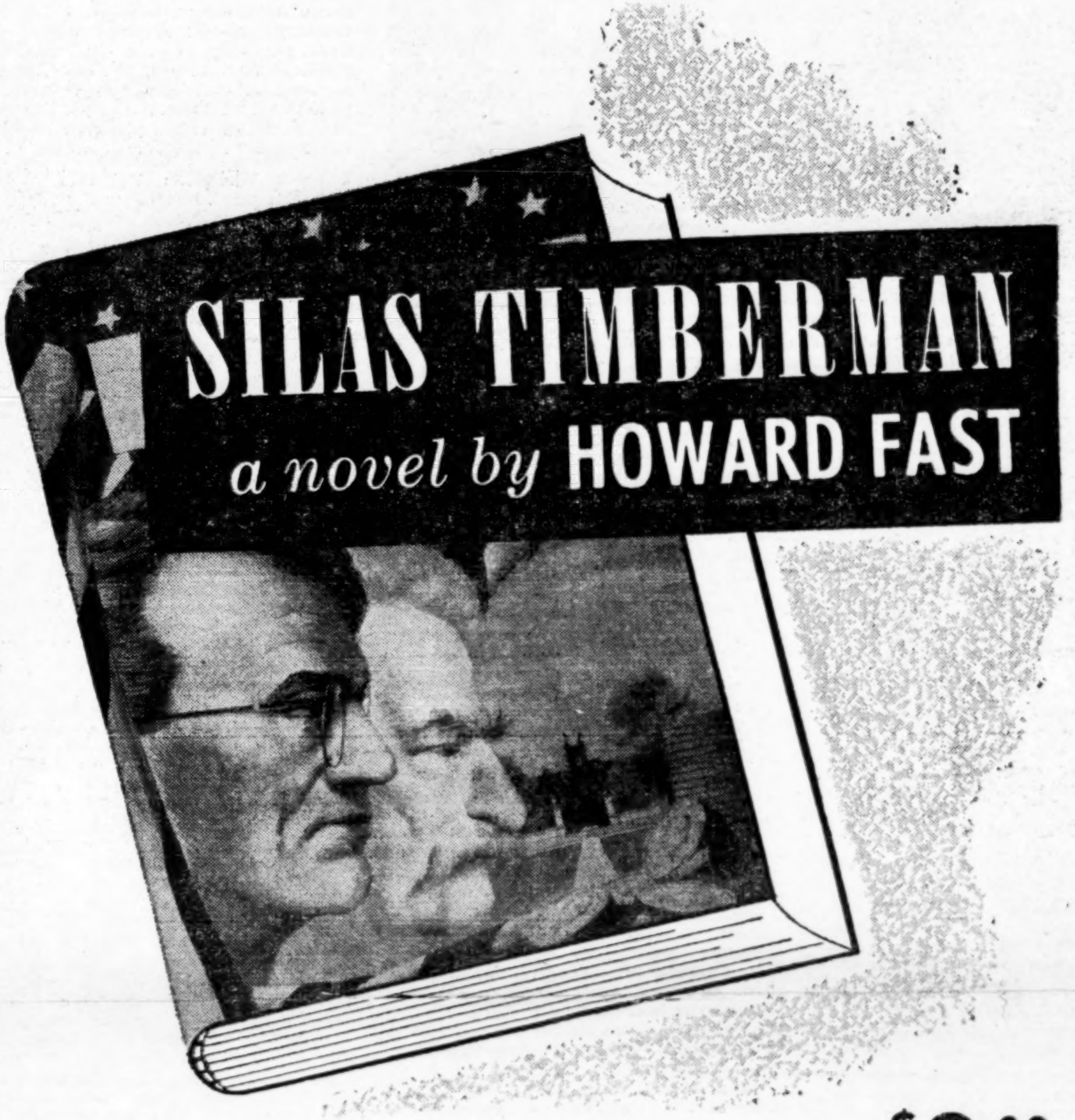
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THE MYSTERY of Exhibit 24—the alleged Communist Party membership-card receipt in the name of George Oakden, which the government claims was filled in by Cedric Belfrage in 1937—had further deepened when the GUARDIAN editor's deportation hearing ended on Columbus Day, Oct. 12. Defense handwriting expert Elizabeth McCarthy, who had previously expressed "very real doubts" that the card was in Belfrage's handwriting, said she had "moved forward to a more definite position" and that

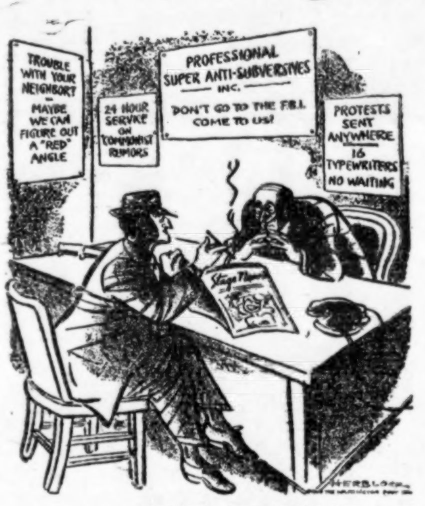
> ". . . if I were asked for an opinion I would have to say that different people wrote them [Exhibit 24 and the other exhibits, various Immigration Service forms filled in by Belfrage through the years]. I can say with reasonable certainty that Exhibit 24 was not written by the same person as the other exhibits."

THE BLOW-UPS: Miss McCarthy, ace U. S. handwriting expert who for 19 years has been testifying for federal and state governments and agencies and for leading banks and law firms, was recalled to elaborate on previous testimony after the government had recalled its handwriting expert, the FBI's George F. Mesnig. The disputed document contained these handwritten words:

> "George Oakden — Calif. — L. A. — L. A. — Studio — 7 — Dec. 2, 1937."

Mesnig originally testified, without any explanations, that this was in the same handwriting as the other exhibits. On recall he spent a day explaining, with photographic blow-ups of the exhibits, how he reached his conclusion. The substance of his testimony was that while there were "variations" between all the letters in Exhibit 24 and in the other exhibits, they all had a structural similarity.

"QUITE DIFFERENT": Miss McCarthy said she had reached her "more definite" contrary position after examining Mesnig's blow-ups which were not previously available to her. She explained in more detail her previous testimony that all the writing was that of persons trained in the English system "formulated by a group of educators in the late 1890's." The "systemic" similarity, she said, was obvious, demonstrating on a blackboard the basic construction of letters and numerals under this system. But she was more than ever struck by the "innate, unconscious characteristics"—characteristics "the writer can't change because he doesn't know he has them"—of the writer of Exhibit 24 and of "Mr. Belfrage's writing" in the other exhibits. Between the two, she said, she could find no similarities at all.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She still felt, though not so strongly as before she examined the blow-ups, that Exhibit 24 did not contain enough letters for any expert to make a completely "categorical" statement. Her "reasonable certainty," however, came out as she detailed the differences in letter after letter under direct and cross-examination. Comparing letters on Exhibit 24 with the same letters on the other exhibits, she said:

> **Capital G's:** ". . . So different that I can't credit they were made by the same person."
>
> **Small g's:** ". . . Pictorially there is no similarity between them. . . . To me different in every way." (Inquiry officer Aaron Maltin interjected that to him the small g's had "a striking similarity" as compared with "the way we make a g in America—in what is considered to be the proper fashion." Miss McCarthy explained: "That's the system similarity. It's unusual in American writing but it's consistent not only in the English system but in other systems.")
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> **Capital O's:** ". . . Differences rather than similarities. . . . One more evidence of a different mental and muscular habit."
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> **Capital A's:** ". . . A distinct difference. . . . It is quite different. . . . The A's support my very strong feeling that they couldn't have been written by the same person."

"HAVE YOU . . . ?" To government atty. Weinman's questions whether she had ever been married or a member of the Communist Party or any of its "subdivisions," she answered No. She said she was being paid her "usual fee" of $100 a day for testifying. (This is the first of many similar cases involving handwriting evidence in which a defense handwriting expert has been retained; it was made possible by the Belfrage Fight-Back Fund.)

Asked if she ever testified before in any case involving charges of communism, she replied that she had—as a witness for the Massachusetts Commission Against Communism, but never for one so accused. She said that "very few cases" of the hundreds in which she had testified over 19 years had been decided contrary to her testimony.

"GUILTY" SILENCE? After Miss McCarthy was excused, Weinman again (as he had at the outset) directed questions at Belfrage, who never was sworn in. Weinman strove to leave the implication on the record that Belfrage's failure to testify about Exhibit 24 was proof of "guilt." Closing the hearing, Maltin said:

> "I was going to ask about the dots on the i's, but I guess I won't—it's late."

A decision in the case is expected shortly; if it is adverse, Belfrage's next recourse would be to appeal to the Immigration Appeals Board in Washington, another part of the Justice Dept.'s Immigration Service set-up which brought the charges.

GARDENS & BABY-SITTERS: Most of the hearing time—the proceedings began Aug. 10, some 15 months after Belfrage was arrested and confined on Ellis Island at the behest of Sen. McCarthy—had been spent on the handwriting exhibits and the testimony of screenwriter Martin Berkeley. Berkeley testified that in late 1937 or early 1938 he attended a closed Communist meeting of about 12 persons in Belfrage's home at 1925 Oakden Drive, Hollywood—where he also helped Belfrage with the garden—at which the Rev. Claude Williams was present. For the defense, Williams and Hollywood writer Frank Scully testified that when Williams visited Hollywood for the first time in late spring, 1938 Belfrage lived at 7777 Firenze Avenue, a house which had a garden (the Oakden Drive house did not); Williams said the only meeting at Belfrage's home was a public fund-raising affair at which 60 to 75 persons were present. Berkeley said he once asked Belfrage who a George Oakden was who had signed a California magazine article, and that Belfrage identified Oakden as himself. Later, confronted with a 1938 New Masses article signed by "George Oakden and Martin Porter"—the latter being the name Berkeley said he himself used as a New Masses writer—Berkeley said he had no idea who this Oakden was. The defense offered in evidence a New Masses of the same period showing that Belfrage wrote in that magazine under his own name.

Another witness, newspaperman Lars Skattebol, testified that when he was 21 Belfrage hired him to type a manuscript and baby-sit for him in Hollywood, and after three weeks Belfrage told him he was a Communist Party member. Scully, for whom Skattebol performed the same functions in 1937, said Skattebol at the time had "wild," "far left" views and Scully was "rather concerned" for his mental equilibrium.

The other witnesses were an FBI agent who identified a statement Belfrage made to him in 1947, and a former policeman who identified Exhibit 24 as an item which passed through his hands when he was assistant membership director for the Los Angeles CP.

THE SPIKE: Although both AP and UP covered the entire hearing, the press was almost completely silent about the case after the first day, when Weinman fired two hours of loaded questions at Belfrage who did not take the stand. None of the question implications (typical question: "Did the Russians refer to you as Benjamin in connection with your espionage activities?") was touched upon again apart from those relating to the alleged CP membership in 1937-38. As soon as the defense began punching holes in the government's testimony, the daily AP and UP reports landed on editorial spikes.

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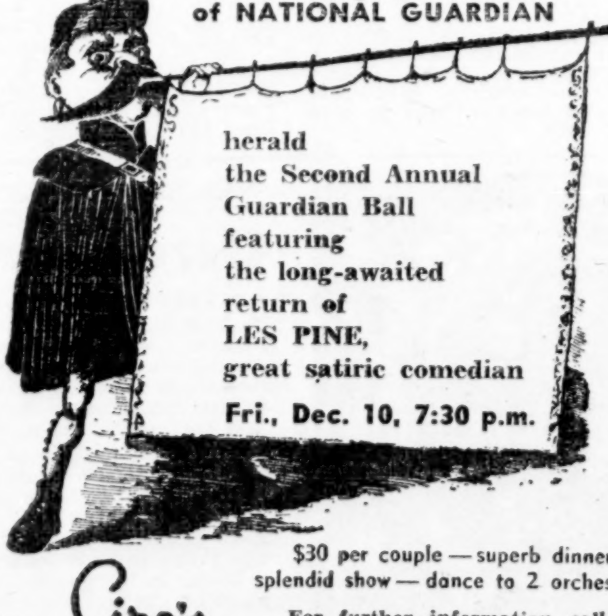

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A tale of 2 Americans come home from China

By Kumar Goshal

THEIR LAND, THEIR GRAIN
China's 400 million peasants now own the land they till

AS THE TIME approached for the opening of the UN Assembly in September—and the vote on the admission of the Chinese Republic to replace Formosa in UN councils—the China Lobby's inquisitional arm got busy on the propaganda front. Sen. Jenner's Internal Security Subcommittee called two young Americans who had recently returned from years of living and working in China. They were: William H. Hinton, agricultural technician, and John W. Powell, editor of the now defunct **China Monthly Review**, published in Shanghai.

The Hinton case

On June 18 Jenner wrote to Hinton:

> ". . . the . . . Subcommittee would like to have the opportunity to interview you and get the benefit of your experience. We enclose herewith a subpena requesting your appearance on July 8, 1954, at 2 P.M. . . ."

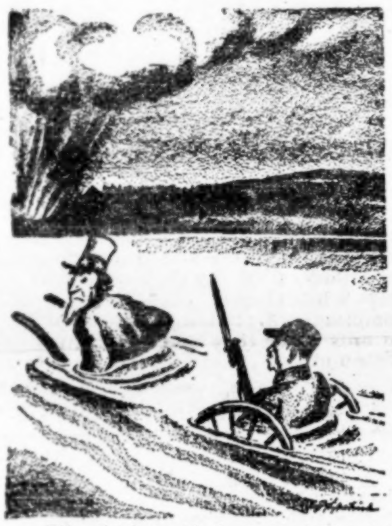
WHAT HE SAW: Hinton, on a lecture tour on the West Coast, arrived in Washington on the scheduled date only to be notified that the hearing had been postponed. He was obliged to stay in Washington at his own expense until July 27. At the hearing Hinton won the right, after a fight, to read a prepared statement which gave his history and views:

- He had studied at Harvard, held a degree in agriculture from Cornell University.
- Going to China in 1947 with UNNRA, he spent the next six years in both Nationalist and Communist areas, training students to operate tractors and combines and to care for dairy cattle.
- He observed great improvement in the condition of the people during these years; "never met anyone, except for an occasional ex-landowner, who longed for Chiang's return"; was greeted by friendly strangers who "wanted to know all about 'Lin Kun (Lincoln) who freed the slaves' and 'Lwo Sz Fu (Roosevelt) who wanted one world.'"
- He was for lifting the embargo and opening up trade with China, thought that "we shall have to learn to live in peace with **600** million friendly people over there. We can only gain thereby."

STUBBORN FACTS: Hinton discovered that

> ". . . the committee was not a bit interested in learning anything about China [but] questioned me for hours about myself, my family, other Americans who are now or have been in China, and about persons and organizations that have invited me to speak since I returned home."

Jenner stretched the "guilt by association" technique to absurdity by bringing out (N.Y. **Times**, 7/28) that Hinton's mother was founder and director of "the fashionable and progressive Putney (Vt.) School"; his sister Joan Hinton and her family were given the use of Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's New Mexico ranch in 1945, when Joan worked briefly at Los Alamos; Joan Hinton (now employed in a dairy farm in China) was a niece of British physicist Sir Geoffrey Taylor, who had participated in the Los Alamos atomic project.



F.tzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch
"How far are we going with Chiang?"

After the hearing Hinton said:

> "Facts are stubborn things. In the long run we must reckon with China as she really is and not as the China Lobby Senators like to dream that she is."

The Powell case

At 9 p.m., on Aug. 11, just as John Powell was mounting the platform to address a meeting at Los Angeles, a U.S. marshall handed him a subpena to appear before the Jenner Committee in Washington the next morning. The marshall had a seat for Powell on a plane leaving that night; if Powell canceled his speech and left immediately he could make it. Powell refused and, after much harassment, got a postponement to Sept. 27.

THE WASHINGTON SCENE: Surrounded by blown-up photostats of the **China Monthly Review**, 40 reporters, TV and newsreel cameras, Sen. Jenner at the Sept. 27 hearing spoke of U.S. "betrayal" of "our friend" Chiang Kai-shek. Powell was not permitted to read a prepared statement. Government witnesses gave the following testimony:

- Mrs. Dolores Gill of Kansas City, Mo., wife of American POW Lt. Gill, said Powell had written her from Shanghai that the Chinese treated American POWs with the "greatest leniency," and had enclosed local press clippings to counteract atrocity stories in the U.S. press and to give her "some reassurance." Lt. Gill later died of illness in camp.
- Several former American POWs testified that Chinese authorities distributed the **China Monthly Review**, in POW camps.
- Former Army Sgt. Kenneth O. Colgan said he was sure "the Chinese Communists sent Powell . . . back to this country with the 'definite mission' of promoting U.S. trade with the Reds" (**UP**, 9/28).

HIS FATHER'S FATE: In the statement he was not allowed to read, Powell said:

- He had lived in China for some 15 years, "including [the] years from 1945 to 1953 when I closed our family magazine because of insurmountable financial difficulties and returned to the U.S." His father the noted journalist J. B. Powell, who had founded the magazine in Shanghai in 1917, died of mistreatment as a prisoner of the Japanese.
- He believed China's program of rapid industrialization offered a growing market for Western industrial products; but American businessmen have been forced out of this market by U.S. government embargo.
- "China is going ahead with its industrialization projects whether we like it or not. . . . Our full contact with China started with trade, back in the days of the Clipper Ships. . . . Again trade could become the opening way of working out our difference with China. As one West Coast businessman expressed it to me: 'It's pretty hard to stay mad at a fellow you are doing good business with.' And this works both ways, from the Chinese point of view, as well as from the American viewpoint."

THE HONG KONG VIEW: In a statement before his appearance, Powell said that in Hong Kong in August, 1953, he learned that "not only were my views on China considered unorthodox but that I would run certain risks by maintaining them." Old friends avoided him, officials were afraid to be seen with him. One businessman said:

> "All reports about conditions in China must be black; not only has the quality of our foreign service suffered, but the accuracy of the reporting is open to question."

The American Central Intelligence Agency then "offered to pay me for any military information I might have." Powell was admonished by the CIA that as an American citizen it was "his duty to keep on the watch for items of military import when traveling abroad, no matter whether in an enemy, neutral or even friendly country." A CIA agent told him he would "run into economic difficulties" in the U.S. because of his views on China and suggested that Powell "work as an undercover operative for the U.S. Government."

KNOCKS ON THE DOOR: When the Powells arrived in San Francisco, the U.S. Customs declined to pass some of their personal and household effects, including Powell's library, newspaper clippings, notebooks, Chinese curios, gifts, a copy of Thomas Hardy's **Jude the Obscure** and an album of Gilbert and Sullivan. They still have not been released.

The FBI has visited him several times, asking questions about Americans in China and about himself. They intimated that only by talking about others could he avoid an investigation of himself.

JOHN W. POWELL
The facts went begging

At a press conference at the Natl. Press Club in Washington after his hearing, Powell denied that he is now or ever has been a Communist, said he had refused to say this under oath because questions about his politics invaded his privacy.

THE HEADLINE MAKER: On Sept. 29 Sen. Jenner said it was

> ". . . reasonable to assume that John W. Powell is in this country to soften up the American people . . . so we will agree to trade with the Soviet bloc and keep quiet if Red China is admitted to the UN."

He said he had asked the Justice Dept. "to press a treason charge" against Powell.

Before God . . .

PARTICIPANTS in the Evanston assembly of the World Council of Churches may not have been aware that they were being watched for subversive conduct. But they were. According to **Religious News Service**, Senator Jenner's subcommittee on internal security, Representative Velde's House committee on un-American activities and the FBI were all on the job, determined to see that no dangerous thought escaped from the ecumenical meeting, or if it did to see that it was perfectly punished.

The RNS dispatch . . . said that both the Jenner and Velde committees had undercover agents at Evanston and that the FBI had assured a congressman that it will keep the iron curtain delegates under surveillance as long as they are in this country. Senator Jenner's subcommittee, it was reported, concentrated on things said by the iron curtain churchmen, while Congressman Velde paid more attention to speeches by Americans. . . .

An illuminating sidelight . . . is the statement that "the House committee will rely mainly on reports from what one member described as 'right-thinking ministers' who will be present at the assembly as observers." . . . What a business for committees of the United States Congress to be in—spying on a world assembly of churches of Jesus Christ!

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OUR WITCH-HUNTERS ARE TIRELESS

Owen Lattimore reindicted

OWEN LATTIMORE
A definition is provided

SEVENTEEN MONTHS after Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl threw the bulk of the case against him out of court, a federal grand jury on Oct. 8 reindicted Owen Lattimore on two counts, charging perjury. A Federal Court of Appeals later restored two of the counts dismissed by Judge Youngdahl, but the Government decided against going to trial on the original counts; it preferred "a new indictment designed to overcome the defects found by the courts in the first one" (N.Y. **Times**, 10/8.)

The new indictment is based, as in the past, on Lattimore's 12 days of testimony in 1952 before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee headed by the late Sen. Pat McCarran. It charges that Lattimore lied when he denied following the "Soviet line" on the Marshall Plan, the Truman Doctrine, Chinese involvement in the Indo-China war, etc., in his books **Solution in Asia** and **The Situation in Asia**; that he also lied when he denied promoting Communist interests in his position as writer, editor, adviser to Chiang and U.S. government official.

Lattimore, on leave with pay as a lecturer at Johns Hopkins University, said:

> "The definition in the indictment of a follower of the Communist line includes anyone who expresses any opinion knowing that that opinion also is shared by Communist Russia. . . . Under this indictment, the entire Democratic and Republican Administrations could be accused of perjury if they said they had never knowingly followed the Communist line—so could Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. . . ."

AN UNFINISHED FANTASY OF COLD-WAR AMERICA

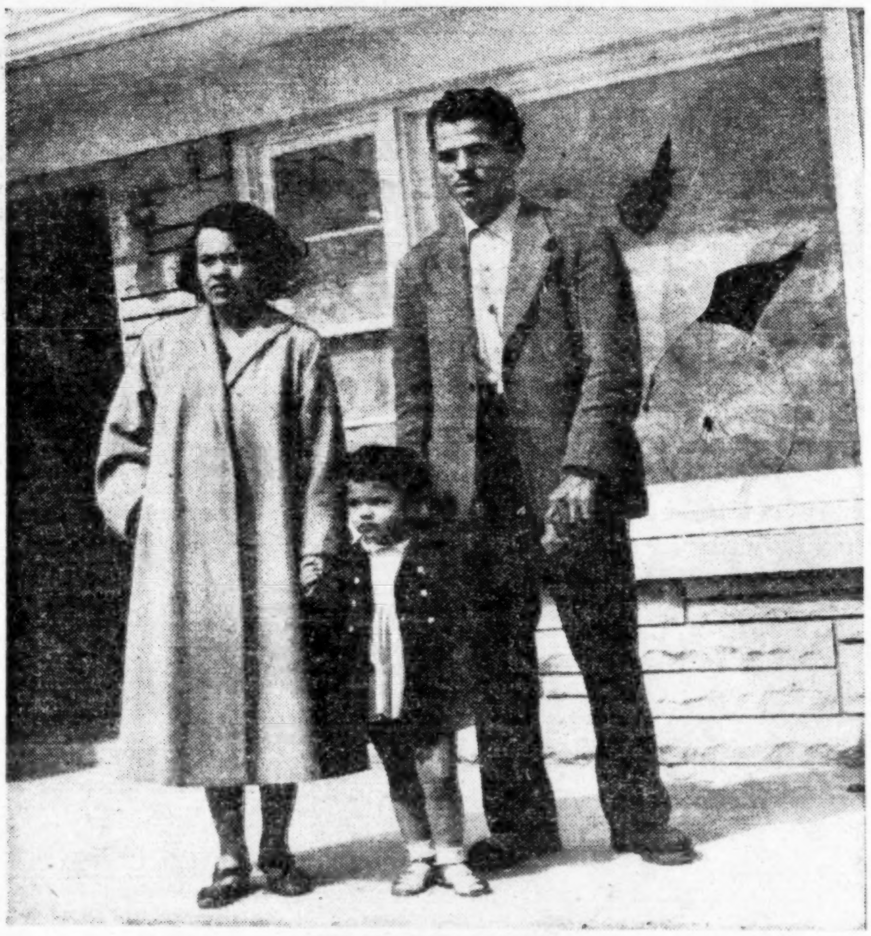
The Louisville bombing

By Ione Kramer

EARLY THIS YEAR Andrew Wade IV, a young electrical contractor, and his wife Charlotte saw a new house in Rone Court in the Louisville suburb of Shivley. It looked like their "dream house," but they couldn't buy it: they were Negro and Shivley was all-white.

Carl Braden, a copy editor with the Louisville **Courier-Journal** and his wife, Anne, a correspondent for **Federated Press,** friends of the Wades, bought the $11,300 home and in turn sold it to the Wades. On May 15, with their 3-year-old daughter, the Wades moved in.

They were greeted with gunshots and rocks through their windows; a cross was burned in the next lot. Police set up a 24-hour guard, restricted visitors to the house. Friends volunteered to stay with the Wades.



THE BROKEN DREAM

Andrew, Charlotte and Rosemary Wade in front of their home

THE EXPLOSION: The Shivley **Newsweek,** a neighborhood paper, editorialized against the presence of the Wades. Its language strikingly resembled that of the **Daily Calumet,** which whipped up racial hysteria in the Trumbull Park housing riots in Chicago last year. It featured prominently a letter from Millard D. Grubbs urging an organization to block "the establishment of a black beachhead in every white subdivision." In 1946 Grubbs, Dixiecrat and leader of an organization called American White Brotherhood, was described as a Klan leader in a suit filed against him in Atlanta.

On Sunday, June 27, at 12:30 a.m., a dynamite bomb exploded beneath the bathroom in the Wade home. It broke windows, ripped plaster from the inside and stone facing from the outside, did $5,801 damage. Miraculously no one was injured. The Wade Defense Committee (Brock Bldg., 9th and Magazine Sts.) headed by Dr. M. M. D. Perdue, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, circulated leaflets protesting lack of action in finding the bomber. The committee, which had been formed earlier to support the Wades, began collecting funds for repair and for the $8,000 mortgage which its holder, South End Federal Savings and Loan Assn., had suddenly declared due. Letters to the editor protesting the violence came from Msgr. Joseph Newman, pastor of Shivley's St. Helen's Church, and the Methodist pastor's wife; the NAACP urged the **Courier-Journal** to use its influence to protect the Wades.

While the Shivley **Newsweek** smeared committee members, the Wades and Bradens were subjected to a series of harassments including Wade's arrest and a $100 fine for "breach of peace." The "breach" was that he had brought with him to his home a friend not on the police list of persons authorized to enter. Braden was jailed and later freed on $500 bond for "voting twice" in the Aug. 7 primary. This was caused by an error which an election official had promised Braden he would correct. On Sept. 2 the Wades temporarily moved out of their home while repairs began.

THE JURY QUIZ: When the Jefferson County Grand Jury opened hearings on the bombing Sept. 15, the Bradens were questioned about their membership in organizations termed "subversive," asked whether they had ever "owned" a copy of the **Daily Worker.** They refused to answer the questions as irrelevant. The community stuck by them. Under the headline "The Crime Was Bombing Not Beliefs" the **Courier-Journal** editorialized Sept. 17:

> Braden is entitled to his own political convictions and social associations. These are no business of ours. . . . We do not think the day will ever come when a man will be fired by us because we dislike his beliefs or his friends."

With "deepest disapproval" it viewed the jury's questions as "a display of local McCarthyism" and said the Bradens' refusal was "quite correct."

A Negro war veteran, Edward Doltman, in a letter to the **Courier-Journal,** suggested other questions for witnesses:

> "Did they ever read Mein Kampf? Were they or any of their families or friends ever a member of the KKK, Nazi Party. . . . Gerald K. Smith group, or any white supremacy group? Did they ever . . . use the terms 'dago,' 'wop,' 'Nigger?' . . . Do they think Mr. Wade, as a citizen and ex-soldier, has a right to live anywhere in the U.S.A. without being molested in any way?"

"SOME PEOPLE": Braden told the press that Police Chief Carl Heustis had told him two months before that they had a confession in the bombing. Heustis then said it was a "semi-confession" and that the county police were in a position to make the arrest. The county police chief denied it. Commonwealth Attorney A. Scott Hamilton said "some people" had advanced the theory that the explosion was a "communist plot to stir up trouble between whites and Negroes." He refused to name the people.

Among the 53 witnesses called in two weeks of closed hearings were friends and relatives of Wade, law enforcement officials—and members of the Wade Defense Committee. Three committee members who claimed no knowledge of the bombing at first declined to testify, did so only after they had been jailed for contempt.

Many witnesses declined to answer questions about their political beliefs or those of other persons. They may still face prosecution for contempt under Kentucky Statute 432-070 which, like Florida's "immunity" law, provides that in prosecution for sedition or related crimes, no witness may claim the privilege, but testimony given by him may not be used against him in state prosecution.

WITCH-HUNT IS ON: The character of the hearing had definitely changed, prosecutor Hamilton said, to include "broad inquisitorial powers" on "all phases of sedition" and the "Communist conspiracy" in Louisville.

Vernon Bown, a member of the Teamsters Union, refused to say how many times he had seen the Bradens in a two-week period, was indicted for contempt. Jailed in $3,000 bail, his room was searched without warrant and alleged communist books and pamphlets found there were introduced as evidence.

Bown was questioned about fragments of a radio belonging to him found near the explosion. He said he had taken it with him while he did volunteer guard duty at the Wade home. Hamilton said he "had reason to believe" the radio was used in the bombing.

THE JURY'S FINDING: On Oct. 1, the grand jury indicted Bown on a charge of causing the explosion. It also indicted him and five others who had been active in Wade's behalf for "advocating sedition." They were:

> Anne and Carl Braden; Miss Larue Spiker, former social worker, and her roommate, Miss Louise Gilbert, caseworker at a Community Chest agency; I. O. Ford, 79, retired riverboat captain and Bown's roommate.

Each was jailed in $10,000 bail; Hamilton had asked $25,000. All were indicted—without specific acts or associations cited—on charges of distributing "printed matter advocating, suggesting, or teaching criminal syndicalism or sedition," and being members of a society advocating that doctrine or "change of the government of the U.S. or Commonwealth of Kentucky by force or violence."

The state law under which they were indicted was passed in 1920, during the height of the Palmer raids, and has never been fully tested in the courts. Maximum penalties are 21 years in jail, $10,000 fine, or both.

PRESS ATTACKED: The Grand Jury criticized the **Courier-Journal,** the Louisville **Times** and radio station WHAS for writing and broadcasting material which "borders on the obstruction of justice." WHAS commentator Richard Oberlin said Hamilton was

> ". . . guilty of one of the more reprehensible techniques of Sen. McCarthy. . . . [many people are] wondering if Hamilton is not trying to distract attention from failure to find the dynamiters by hauling out the Red scare."

The jury criticized the **Courier-Journal** for printing letters representing controversial viewpoints, suggested it

> ". . . give more publicity . . . to the evils of communism rather than endeavor to browbeat and intimidate the authorities on the pretense of . . . protecting civil rights."

It also suggested more investigation of "Communistic endeavors . . . of creating racial strife and particularly labor unrest in industries in our community."

NERO AND HITLER: The paper called the indictment "troubling," said:

> "Even if all of these people are registered members of the Communist Party—an assumption by no means proved on the evidence so far revealed—they have a right to indictment for overt acts . . .and to bail which is not excessive . . . the freedoms of speech and the press must be just as much available to Communists as to the rest of us."

Mrs. Braden said:

> "This is so fantastic that we would not believe it if it were not happening. And yet, it is a tactic as old as time. Nero burned Rome and blamed the Christians for it, thus starting a reign of terror. . . . Hitler burned the Parliament Building in Berlin and blamed the Communists for it, thus starting a reign of terror in Europe. Now the white supremacists bomb a Negro's home and blame the people fighting segregation."

At press-time all the indicted were still in jail except Miss Gilbert, who had posted bail. Pending a motion to dismiss the indictments, to be heard Oct. 15, a tentative trial date was set for Nov. 16. Oct. 28 was set for Bown's trial on the bombing charge.

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NEW SUBPENA ISSUED

Patterson, out after 90-day contempt term faces 'perpetual jeopardy' in CRC case

FEDERAL Judge Sylvester L. Ryan on Oct. 10 voided a subpena which had brought before him Civil Rights Congress head William L. Patterson on a second "contempt of court" charge. Patterson had just finished serving a 90-day "contempt" sentence for failing to give the Internal Revenue Dept. non-existent records of CRC contributors.

Judge Ryan's action looked like a CRC victory until he explained that a second arrest under the old subpena might raise cries of "double jeopardy"; he advised a new subpena which was issued at once, returnable Oct. 22.

EVERLASTING: The old subpena ordered Patterson to hand over 1951-52 CRC records; the new one orders that he add all data for 1953 as well. He told the GUARDIAN:

> "It is possible that no court may ever rule on the legal soundness of that contempt citation, because my sentence was served before the Appellate Court acted on my appeal. This same thing could happen if I am sent to jail again. Thus I am placed in perpetual jeopardy and not just in 'double' jeopardy; for no matter how many times I am sent to jail I can never be purged of 'contempt,' since I cannot produce records which do not exist."

Upon his release Patterson had gone to Chicago and with Paul Robeson had spoken at a rally for Claude Lightfoot, also a Negro, released three days earlier in $30,000 bail after being held three months on the hitherto unused Smith Act charge of "admitted" or "known" membership in the Communist Party.

LIMITLESS: The Lightfoot Defense Committee (6 E. Lake St., Chicago 1, Ill.) and the CRC link the Patterson and Lightfoot cases together in importance. A joint statement declares:

> "The Lightfoot case is clearly intended to lay groundwork for potential arrests of tens of thousands of U.S. citizens. While 114 have been convicted or are awaiting trial on grounds of 'conspiracy to teach and advocate the overthrow of the U.S. government by force and violence,' the Lightfoot indictment is far more sweeping. If Lightfoot is convicted and the case is upheld in the higher courts, 'proof' of 'membership' will be sufficient to send a person to prison for ten years. It is estimated that many tens of thousands have at one time or another held membership in the Communist party, and that many times that number have been accused of membership. Considering the lucrative new profession of paid informers, the number of potential defendants is almost limitless."

The CRC (6 E. 17th St., N.Y.) called for protests to Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell against the renewed jeopardy to Patterson.

It takes imagination to be an also-ran

LONDON, Oct. 2—(AP)—Leadership in track and field has slipped from America to Russia and within five years the Soviets will dominate the world, Jack Crump, British athletics official, said. . . . Crump's appraisal of Russians as individuals and as team members "proved" to him that they are a "little unimaginative" as athletes.

"They seldom use tactics and apparently know nothing about them. In a foot race they simply get in front and stay there."

Sterling Slappey in the Denver Post, Oct. 3, 1954

BOOKS

The housing crisis and the 'poor rich'

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STILL HUNTING for a home? A raft of facts and figures are available in the first annual **Housing Yearbook** to provide quotable answers to any campaign propaganda that the nation's housing problems are solved.

Here are some statistics culled from the **Yearbook's** authorities: One-tenth of the U.S. people can't afford more than $25 rent; one-fifth, not more than $42; one-half, not more than $68. Among urban families, 34% can afford private housing at present rates; 28% are eligible by income for public housing, if there is any; 38% are "mostly neglected," falling in the $3,000-$5,000 income bracket. The answer: 2 to 2.4 million new homes a year for the next 15 years (the Eisenhower approach means about 1 million).

HOUSES AND WAR: New Deal economist Leon Keyserling urges 3 million low-rent homes between now and 1960, which would cost less than $150 million a year. AFL pres. George Meany is for 200 thousand low-rent and 600-800 thousand middle-income homes a year. The tenant in a low-rent project pays 60% of the cost, and the subsidy for existing public housing costs the average American family 15c a year. The booklet states: "By way of comparison, the same family is paying $4.90 this year, or 32 times as much, to finance the war in Indo-China."

On the Administration's rehabilitation answer to the housing crisis, former U.S. Urban Redevelopment director Nathaniel S. Keith writes:

"... Redevelopment relies upon an active program of low-rent public housing, which means a return to the basic objectives of the Housing Act of 1949. . . Enthusiasm for rehabilitation . . . may lead to distortions, exaggerated hopes, and actual damage to the basic job of rehabilitating our cities. Every objective analysis of . . . the Baltimore plan has shown that this is a necessary palliative—but still only a palliative. A more sanitary slum is still a slum."

Despite the Natl. and Housing Conference's need to be all things to all builders, lenders, realtors, trade unions and some tenants, it has carried on a consistent lobby for public housing. A regrettable omission in its useful booklet is a section on housing problems of minority groups. Included is a table of Congressmen's votes on housing since 1949.

THE HOUSING YEARBOOK 1954. Natl. Housing Conference, 1129 Vermont Av. N. W. Washington 5, D. C. 74 pp. $3

HAVE YOUR liberal friends been telling you that all's right with the world because the rich are getting poorer and the poor richer since the U.S. "income revolution?" 'Tain't so, says economist Victor Perlo in a highly technical (but readable) analysis of this much-publicized theory and the work of its chief pusher, Univ. of Pa. economist Dr. Simon Kuznets.*

Perlo explains how the Kuznets' survey makes top incomes look smaller by not including undistributed corporate profits (which are plowed back into industry), unreported income (63% of income from dividends is unreported, says a government economist), capital gains from selling stocks at a profit, and hidden incomes in profit-sharing bonuses, plushy tax-free pensions and expense allowances for top executives. The rich are just as rich as in 1929, says Perlo: in 1948 the top 1% got about 1/6 of the national income, the top 5%, 1/3. Corporate profits were 12 times as much between 1941-52 as in 1929-40, but the non-corporate businesses got only 3.5, farmers 3.4, and workers and employes 2.9 times as much.

In the same decade a manufacturing worker's output increased about a third, while his buying power stayed the same, so his "relative position" or share in production declined about a fourth. Perlo's study, based on government statistics, found that in 1949 the top 1% was getting 123.7% more than in 1929, compared with the 45.8% increase in Kuznets' study.

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INCOME 'REVOLUTION,' by Victor Perlo. Intl. Publishers (381 Fourth Av., N.Y.C. 16), 64 pp., 75c.

**BILLIONAIRE CORPORATIONS, by Labor Research Assn. Intl. Publishers, 64 pp., 75c.*

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THE LONGER we wait to get at the full truth in the Rosenberg-Sobell case, the greater the danger of injustice to more Americans through use of the case to smear others, says a new pamphlet of questions and answers on the case of Morton Sobell. A convenient collection of quotes from official documents, it urges appeals to Prisons Director James V. Bennett in Washington, D.C., to remove Sobell from Alcatraz prison, and letters to Sen. Wm. Langer, Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, for a complete investigation of the case.

THE SCIENTIST IN ALCATRAZ, Comm. to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case ([illegible] Av., N.Y.C. 18), 12 pp., 10c.

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Registration at a post-war low; old parties' double-talk blamed

By Elmer Bendiner

ALP RALLY IN THE GARMENT CENTER
John T. McManus addresses a street meeting

NEW YORKERS last week seemed to have administered a crushing vote of no-confidence in the candidates offered by the major parties. Approximately two-thirds of those eligible in the state failed to register. It marked a post-war low. The city's total fell 12% below that of 1950, the last comparable election year; upstate registration fell about 6%.

The poorest turnouts occurred in working-class areas. For example, the 14th AD in lower Harlem and the 9th AD covering Park and Madison Avs. further south have approximately equal populations but lower Harlem registered 17,994; Park-Madison, 41,618. Harlem's 2nd AD, mainly Italian-American, polled less than it did in the 1953 mayoralty elections.

In Brooklyn Bedford-Stuyvesant's 6th AD tallied 16,918 while the swankier and equally populous 11th AD in Flatbush registered 39,239.

THE CALCULATORS: Politicians whistled in the dark. Democratic-Liberal spokesmen assumed that their people were the ones who came out. They did their arithmetic accordingly, calculating that if Harriman draws the same vote in the city that Wagner did, the Democrats will have a thumping plurality of from 800,000 to 1,000,000.

Republican statisticians said that if Ives does as well as Dulles did in the city in 1949, they will win easily. Charles M. Metzner, Ives' campaign manager, blamed the feeble showing on "the complete failure of the Tammany ticket to whip up the people's emotions with a mess of phony issues."

The Republicans, though offering no better mess of issues, had grounds for hope in the low tally. Democratic campaign manager John J. McGrath had said before registration week ended that a minimum of 2,900,000 in the city was necessary to insure a Democratic victory. The total came to 2,461,881.

THE REAL ISSUES: Morris Goldin, exec. secy. of the American Labor Party, said the registration could have been boosted 25% if the major parties had campaigned on problems "that people are concerned with, problems like whether we are to have peace, an end to growing unemployment, a complete rout of McCarthyism. If Deweyism is to be defeated those issues must be raised."

Outside the ALP's radio, TV and street-corner stumping, those issues were sidetracked. The campaign came closest to excitement with a mild flurry of bigotry charges, brought by the Democrats when they discovered that a GOP ad in an Onondaga newspaper had printed the name and picture of the whole ticket except for Rep. Jacob Javits, candidate for attorney general and the only Jew on the slate.

Sen. Ives explained they had not received pictures of Javits in time, and in self-defense pointed to scrolls he had received from Jewish organizations and the State of Israel. Javits, himself, called the charge "gutter tactics"; after a brief appearance upstate he campaigned vigorously in Katz's delicatessen on East Houston St. and from similar forums where he could point with pride to his East Side boyhood.

THE REAL SCANDAL: Meanwhile jimcrow slates made a genuine bi-partisan scandal. The judicial conventions of both major parties selected candidates to fill ten vacancies on the State Supreme Court bench. Despite pleadings from Negro organizations and from the ALP, not one candidate is a Negro. There are 189 Supreme Court judges, each serving 14-year terms, all white.

The Harlem Affairs Committee voted a resolution of censure on the lily-white bench and sent copies to both Ives and Harriman. Ives answered with a formula he has used on similar demands for appointments of women as well as minority members, promising to "make appointments . . . on the basis of ability and capacity to serve, and without discrimination because of race, color, creed, national origin or sex."

Harriman's headquarters gave the note a quick, irrelevant brushoff, informing the Committee the matter had been referred to the campaign speaker's bureau. Committee Chairman Justice then told the press he believed Ives would appoint "qualified Negroes." It gave the Republicans a cheap victory. Taken with the Supreme Court's desegregation decision (for which Eisenhower is given credit), it may mean a shift in some Negro Democratic votes.

DEMS AND DOGS: The greatest boner of the nationwide campaign, Defense Secy. Wilson's comparing the unemployed to a kennel-fed dog—one who can just "sit on his fanny and yell," had drawn few repercussions from N.Y. Democrats at GUARDIAN press time, but the ALP's John T. McManus said it was "in keeping with the man who said, 'What is good for General Motors is good for the country.'"

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, member of the Communist Party natl. committee, who is running for Congress as an independent from the 24th CD, in her first campaign broadcast called on Ives to demand that Eisenhower dismiss Wilson from the Cabinet.

The full ALP slate

THIS is the entire American Labor Party slate of 70 candidates:

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Supreme Court, 1st Judicial Dist., Ira Gollobin; City Court Judge, Max A. Gaber.

CONGRESS

Morris Goldin, 20 CD; Anita Friedlander, 22 CD; Oliver Leeds, 10 CD; Saul Rudes, 13 CD; Blanche K. Katz, 14 CD; Jean Militean, 15 CD; Donald Long, 5 CD; Adolph Albert, 9 CD; Frank Wedl, 18 CD.

STATE SENATE

Muriel Scheinman, 20 SD; Ben Atkins, 21 SD; James Malloy, 23 SD; Herbert Shingler, 5 SD; Steve Gamer, 6 SD; Benjamin Smith, 7 SD; Arnold Olenick, 8 SD; Cornelius McGillicuddy, 9 SD; Gilbert Wasserman, 19 SD; Victor Weiss, 26 SD; Daniel Sheppard, 27 SD; Nan Dickman, 29 SD; Dominic Cesario, 10 SD; Jesus Colon, 13 SD; Nat Simon, 15 SD; Michael Wollin, 16 SD; Henry Klein, 17 SD; Owen Middleton, 11 SD; Henry Winslow, 22 SD; Jack Mairowitz, 28 SD.

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Richmond: Sylvia Baer, 1 AD; Hans Neilson, 2 AD.

THE STATE CAMPAIGN

Schools no issue, Ives says; Witch-hunter on Dem ticket

SCHOOL problems were being cared for in a Legislature committee, Republican gubernatorial candidate Irving H. Ives said, and therefore ought to be taken out of the campaign. The ALP's candidate John T. McManus called the suggestion "incredible" and the ALP promptly scheduled a TV broadcast (WCBS, Oct. 16, 1:30-2 p.m.) on the school crisis.

The Democrats' Averell Harriman said that perhaps the Republicans would next suggest "that unemployment, high rents and inadequate housing, the harness racing and all the other issues not be discussed." But despite Harriman's willingness to assail the GOP for school crowding, there was silent bi-partisan harmony on the two key school issues: teachers' wages and the witch-hunt.

LOCAL "ROY COHN": While Harriman was making hay out of the GOP record the Democrats named Arthur Levitt, president of the N. Y. C. Board of Education for controller, replacing Aaron Jacoby. The N.Y. **Teachers News** (10/9) organ of the Teachers Union, said Levitt's role had been "the Jewish cover-up for . . . an inquisition that has to date, claimed the professional lives of nearly 200 Jewish teachers." Columnist B. Z. Goldberg in the **Jewish Day** (6/9) called Levitt "the Roy Cohn of the Board of Education."

The **Teachers News** said the nomination was "a payoff" for services in the purge which continues this term throughout the school system. The Democrats slapped the teachers again last week when Mayor Wagner appointed school board member George Timone, the most rabid foe of teachers' rights, to a $19,500 post as justice of the Court of Domestic Relations.

VERY QUIET ON PAY: Currently Timone is leading a fight within the board to require all teachers who admit past membership in the Communist Party to purge themselves by informing fully on their colleagues or face dismissal. Supt. of Schools Jansen, an energetic witch-hunter in his own right, is opposing Timone's demand.

Both old party platforms duck on teachers' salaries. The ALP has come out for a salary scale of $4,500-$9,000 in N.Y. City; a starting salary of $4,000 up-state; a reduction from 16 to 10 years in the time required to reach maximum pay.

MUM ON MERIT: The GOP brushes off the school issue by promising only to continue present policies. The Democrats promise to repeal the "merit provision" of the teachers' salary law. This blocks the way to automatic increases to the maximum by requiring proof of "superior merit" before a teacher rates the final pay boost. The Democrats also promise repeal of the Condon-Wadlin Act banning strikes by state and city employes. The Democrats have not yet campaigned on either point.

ARTHUR LEVITT
The payoff?

Though the Teachers Union has warned that "retardation in reading in the public schools of N. Y. City has reached such crisis proportions that it cannot be ignored, covered up or explained away," no major party candidate has yet mentioned it.

A TU study revealed that almost ⅓ of academic high school graduates and ⅔ of vocational school graduates have a reading ability 3-5 years below their grade level. TU's recommendations include appointment of 500 remedial reading teachers; reduction of class size to 30, with smaller classes where reading problems are worst.

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INTEGRATION IN THE SCHOOLS

Delaware curbs hate monger as civic protests mount

By Eugene Gordon

ABOUT 5,000 white Protestants last Sunday afternoon crowded before an improvised platform on the Harriston (Del.) airfield and listened to "Natl. Assn. for Advancement of White People" leaders. Florida-reared "NAAWP" president Bryant W. Bowles, released on $6,000 bail after his arrest for conspiring to violate Delaware school laws, was acclaimed as martyr-hero.

The picture painted by his oratory was described by reporters and photographers on the scene, without naming it; Federated Press correspondent John B. Stone named it "the ugly face of fascism." The same face emerged when the Rev. Claude Lynch, from Lynch Hill near Milford, declaimed: "We [here] are pure white people"; but the Jews—who, he implied, were not white—"are backing the colored people 100 percent." (Hartley [Del.] chapter "NAAWP" pres. Joseph M. Danes, who put up Bowles' bail, made the same implication when he listed the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Congress as friends of Milford Negro parents and students and, therefore, enemies of the "white" people.) The Rev. Manean Warrington shouted to the crowd:

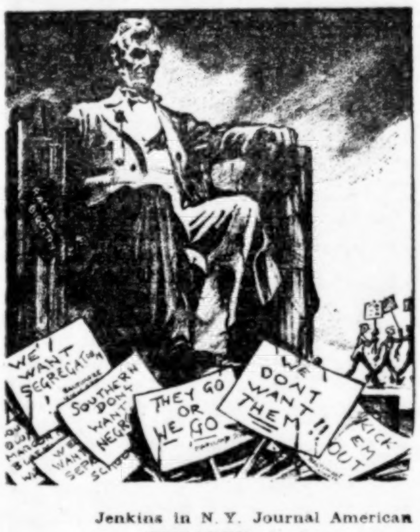
> "The Jews and the Catholics have got on board this [pro-integration] thing."

ROARS OF LAUGHTER: Bowles "exposed" Delaware Atty. Gen. H. Albert Young as presumably a Jew whose real name was "Hyman Yonkovitch." The crowd applauded all this; applauded too when Bowles announced, with make-believe seriousness, that the man who prosecuted the Nazis—Supreme Court Justice Jackson—was dead.

That same crowd—or parts of it—had applauded a week earlier when Bowles' fellow-Floridian, Lake County (Fla.) Sheriff Willis McCall, boasted about the 1951 Christmas Eve bomb-murder of Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Moore. The Moores were Florida leaders of the Natl. Assn. for Advancement of Colored People. A Wilmington (Del.) **Morning News** reporter wrote (10/11) that, listening to a tape recording of the Bowles-McCall meeting, he heard

> ". . . the roar of crowd laughter as Sheriff McCall—a friend of Mr. Bowles'—remarked that perhaps it wasn't right, the way Moore was killed, 'but I'll tell you there hasn't been another NAACP in that county since.'"

FIGHTING BACK: Smoldering embers of discord and hatred against Negroes, fanned to flame in Washington and Baltimore by "NAAWP" influence, were meanwhile growing cold



Jenkins in N. Y. Journal American

SMEARED

even as the white-supremacists behind the "ugly face" strove to set more fires. This change was apparent after white labor, religious, fraternal and social organizations in Delaware—national center of anti-integration activity—had started to fight back.

The first white fight-back move, Oct. 1, at Dover, was what the **Morning News** called a "definite plan for the organization of the 'vigilante Committee' . . . to preserve law and order and to make it safe for parents to keep their children in school without fear of reprisals or threats." Disagreements about procedure resulted in no action by upholders of the Supreme Court decision; encouraged Bowles and his crowd.

Bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese in Delaware, the Rt. Rev. J. Brooke Mosley, said in a sermon the following Sunday that "God . . . weeps for those who have come to our good state to take advantage of our plight"; prayed for "the poor misguided souls." Three Wilmington ministers gave attention to the Milford crisis. That same Sunday—Oct. 4—New York's Democratic Representative Emanuel Celler wired Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell that the Milford "evil is no longer local" and to do something.

"YOU'RE NEXT": Eight schools in Washington had then been affected and a headline read, "Bowles Now In Baltimore." Wilmington's **Journal-Every Evening** (10/5) reported:

> "Three B'nai B'rith men's and women's organizations today jointly condemned 'the expulsion' of 11 Negro children from the Milford School and called on government leaders to take a 'positive role' in the integration of schools."

Milford High School principal Alexander Glasmire, at a Denton, Md., banquet, lamented the fact that in his town "a neighbor is now treated with disdain, acquaintances are not speaking, representatives of the people have been discredited by liars." He warned:

> "Be prepared; it might happen to you, next. They are not fighting over races; color has not entered into it. It's white fighting white. You can't sit on the Mason and Dixon Line."

That was Oct. 4. On Oct. 5 Delaware State Industrial Union Council noted

> ". . . with alarm the spread of lawless resistance to the actions of local and state officials in going forward with the peaceful integration of the public schools, [and we believe] that it is incumbent upon the Atty. Gen. of the U.S. to take firm and fast action."

THE TOO-LONG NIGHT: The Delaware Region of the Natl. Conf. of Christians and Jews followed with a call to "all those in positions of authority or leadership to speak out and act at once." Local 1694, Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., accused such "responsible sources" as the Fellowship Commission and the unions of having "kept silence" in the face of "Ku Klux Klan methods," but deplored the Governor's not having talked with the people before trying to "shove anything down their throats."

The Negro people of various Delaware communities have expressed willingness to meet in committees with white neighbors and to plan in such a way as to make integration work. But a Negro resident of Milford told the GUARDIAN last month: "We don't want to hear any more talk about not being able to integrate the schools over night, because this 'night' has already lasted nearly 100 years." He said the Negro people had "plenty of patience" and would gladly exercise it in co-operation with white people who showed good will.

"IT WILL DISAPPEAR": Delaware's Attorney General, encouraged by all such manifestations of support and acting on a petition by the NAACP, pledged in court Oct. 12 that the Governor and the state's two Senators would be willing personally to lead the 11 Negro children back into Milford High School.

Former Chicago University pres. Robert M. Hutchins, now heading the Ford Foundation Fund for the Republic, told London newsmen Oct. 11 that the proclamation of

> ". . . some Southern governors against desegregation of schools in the U. S. will never go into effect and disorder will disappear shortly."

AFRAID OF THE COURTS?

Government abandons move to brand Intl. Workers Order as 'subversive'

IN A SURPRISE MOVE last week the Subversive Activities Control Board abandoned efforts to stigmatize past membership in the Intl. Workers Order as "subversive" under the McCarran Act.

Last December the IWO was officially dissolved after a long prosecution by the N. Y. State Insurance Dept. One month later, on Jan. 14, the Subversive Activities Control Board held a hearing to determine whether the IWO ought to be required to register as a "Communist front" under the McCarran Act.

The Supt. of Insurance had by then taken over the IWO and the SACB would recognize no other spokesman. The Superintendent's attorneys declined to defend the membership. Former IWO officers and members tried to speak in their own defense but the SACB refused to hear them. An order to register was then imposed "by default" since, the board said, there had been no "defense" against the charges.

"THIS FUTILE ORDER": A group of former IWO officers and members, organized as the IWO Policyholders Protective Committee, appealed the SACB order to the U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia and the case was to be argued last week. The Committee was prepared to take the case to the Supreme Court if necessary to safeguard former IWO members from disabilities resulting from the McCarran Act's subversive label. It might have meant one of the first constitutional tests of the Act.

As the case opened, SACB attorneys told the Court they were "quite willing that the Court should set aside or vacate this futile order." The Court was expected to formally quash the case and so halt the last turn of the screw in the attack on the IWO.

"AFRAID OF REBUKE": The IWO Policyholders Protective Committee called the development "a vindication and victory" and said the Justice Dept. and the SACB were

> ". . . obviously afraid of a stinging rebuke from the courts for their fraudulent frame-up. . . . The government has now confessed that their whole case was based on absolutely nothing except a desire to victimize members of the IWO and contribute to an atmosphere of mass persecution and terror. Upon final action by the Court, this will mean former members of the IWO cannot be hounded under the McCarran Act for their membership in the Order."

INJUNCTION LOOMS

Razor sit-down goes on

INSIDE the American Safety Razor plant at 115 Jay St., Brooklyn, 120 men and women had been sitting tight for 13 days with no sign of surrender as the GUARDIAN went to press, though an injunction threat loomed by the week-end.

The workers, members of Local 475, United Electrical Workers, are striking to force the company to sign a contract agreed to in August. The company, seeking to run away to low-wage Staunton, Va., has balked because, officials said, the union was not letting up its campaign to rally the community against the runaway.

CHICKEN IN BASKET: Union spokesmen last week reported help coming from the rank-and-file of many other unions. Aid took the form of food, money and picket-line support. On Sat., Oct. 9, the line that has ringed the plant since the strike started on Sept. 30 numbered 350.

Inside, workers have been sleeping on benches and tables. Food has been hoisted in through the windows. On Sunday the pickets posted a chicken dinner menu on the plant gate, then shipped in the fixings through the window.

The company, which has made no move to eject the strikers, applied Oct. 5 for an injunction from State Supreme Court Justice George A. Arkwright. The judge set hearings for Oct. 14.

NO COMMENT: The sit-down is the longest the nation has seen since the 30's and on an issue affecting labor throughout the north-east: the runaway. Yet after the strike's first few days, major newspapers in the city have scarcely carried a line on it.

The American Safety Razor Co. makes Gem razors and blades, also Treet, Pal, Silver Star, Blue Star and Personna blades, Eveready brushes, ASR Ascot lighters.

ALP full radio-TV schedule

THE American Labor Party has announced the following radio and TV schedule for the campaign:

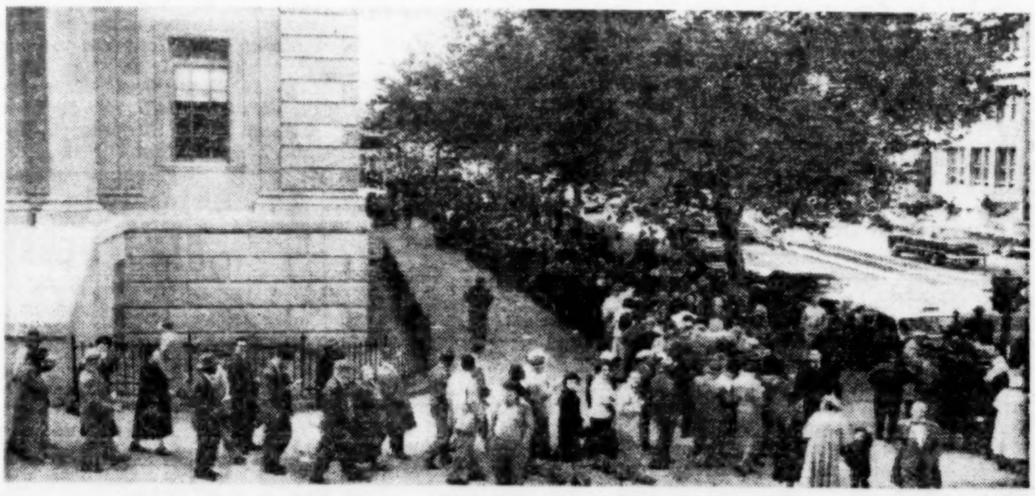
Saturday afternoon, Oct. 16: WCBS, Channel 2, 1:30-2 p.m.; Oct. 18: WQXR, 7:45-8 p.m., WPIX, Channel 11, 10:30-10:45 p.m.; Oct. 19: WMGM, 9:15-9:30 p.m.; Oct. 20: WMCA, 9:15-9:30 p.m., WABD, Channel 5, 10:30-10:45 p.m.; Oct. 21: WMCA, 9:15-9:30 p.m.; Oct. 22: WCBS, 10-15-10:30 p.m.; Oct. 25: WQXR, 7:45-8 p.m.; Oct. 26: WMGM, 9:15-9:30 p.m., WHOM, 11-11:15 p.m.; Oct. 27: WMCA, 9:15-9:30 p.m.; Oct. 29: WABD, Channel 5, 8:30-8:45 p.m.

AID FOREIGN BORN

Dinner honers lawyers Oct. 28

THE N. Y. Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born chose Oct. 28, 68th anniversary of the dedication of the Statue of Liberty, as the occasion to honor lawyers active in the battle for the rights of immigrants.

The committee will hold a banquet honoring the statue and the lawyers at the Yugoslav American Hall, 405 W. 41 St. Reservations at $5 are available at the committee's offices, 23 W. 26 St., telephone, MUrray Hill 4-3458.



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THE WATERFRONT

Bridges looks for unity of dockers on 2 coasts

HARRY BRIDGES, president of the west coast Intl. Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, wrote in his union's paper the **Dispatcher** (10/1), that "the prospect for some kind of West-East working unity between the longshoremen is better today than it's been in years."

The forecast followed the Intl. Longshoremen's Assn.'s triumph over AFL raiding parties and governmental pressure to win bargaining rights in the N. Y. port. It came before the ILA clinched that victory with a quick strike that won an 8c-an-hour pay boost retroactive to Oct. 1, 1953.

Bridges added a pledge to his prediction: "It is to our mutual advantage to have strong, democratic longshore unions on both coasts and in the Gulf. Right now as the East Coast longshoremen are feeling their way to building this kind of a union, it is still the number one job of the ILWU to stand pledged to support the East Coast up to and including strike action for their union demands if this becomes necessary."

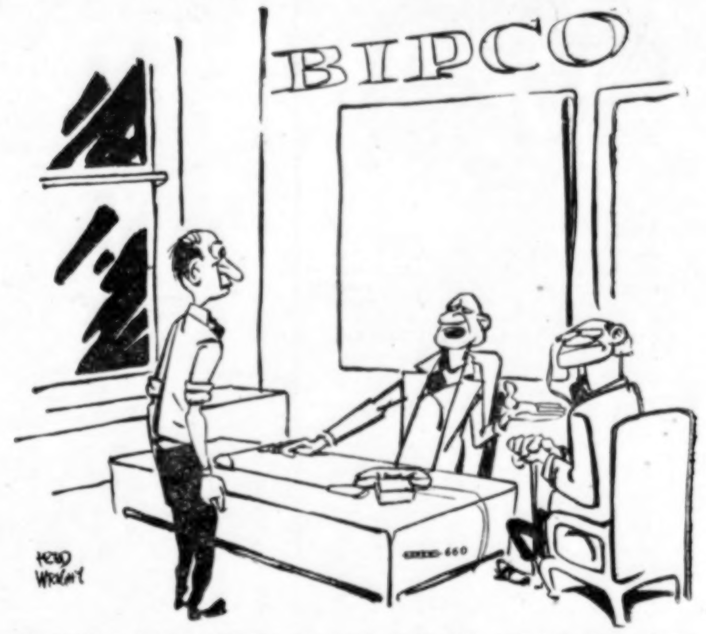
"REPLACE FINK HALLS": Bridges paid tribute to the ILA's resistance to raiding: "It's been many years since the AFL took such a licking, and probably no one but a gang of longshoremen could have done such a job." But he warned of the continuing offensive by the bi-state Waterfront Commission, and urged as one prime objective: "Eliminate the Waterfront Commission from the picture and as quickly as possible. So long as the Commission continues to function it will be a constant threat to the security of the union and to the contract itself. The Commission makes no bones about the anti-ILA role it played in the last strike, and actually boasts of its effectiveness as a scab herder.

HARRY BRIDGES
The advantage is mutual

"The employers and the union jointly must come up with some kind of a hiring procedure to replace the government fink halls now being operated by the Commission."

East Coast longshoremen could well listen to word from the west. U. S. Census figures show that in 1949 the average annual income for longshoremen in Los Angeles was $4,063. In New York it was $2,676.

NEW OFFENSIVE: The Commission itself bore out Bridges' warning. In a closed-door meeting with Gov. Dewey it mapped its future offensive against the union. Before the back-pay strike began, the Commission's exec. director Samuel M. Lane charged that stevedoring companies were cooperating too closely with the ILA on hiring. ILA pres. Capt. William V. Bradley answered that thanks to the Commission, "conditions on the waterfront are in the worst mess in 25 years." He warned that Lane "has taken it upon himself to recreate the same situation Dewey created a year ago when he told the steamship companies not to sign a contract with us."



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On Oct. 8 the Commission renewed its offensive in a press conference. Lane made it clear that the heat was on the shippers. He charged pressure had been brought by ILA leaders on hiring agents to pick their men through the ILA, then have them "validated" by the Commission.

INTEGRITY, FREEDOM, ETC.: In letters to stevedoring firms Lane warned that the Commission would take such cooperation with the ILA "as a circumstance affecting the good character and integrity of the offender as a licensee under the Compact."

In talking with newsmen in his office, Lane said that in his view any hiring agent who favored the ILA—"succumbed to pressure" was the way he put it—lacked "integrity" and might have his license lifted. The problem, he said, was to take hiring out of the union halls and into the Commission's "Information Centers."

He outlined new procedures whereby work gangs could register as a unit and be posted on the bulletin boards as available for work. An employer would sign up the gang through an authorized gang representative in the Commission's centers, which would bar all union officials. If AFL gangs remained workless too long, the Commission could call in the shipper's hiring agent and test his "integrity." He called it a "system of free employment."

SCAB SHORTAGE: Asked what would happen if the ILA won a union shop, Lane said such a contract only required that every man hired apply for union membership and offer his dues within 30 days. He said it would not affect the hiring. In practice, though, a union shop on the waterfront has always gone hand-in-hand with a union hiring hall.

If the ILA can work out a hiring hall clause the Commission might then find itself elbowed out of the picture. The elaborate screening, fingerprinting, licensing apparatus could still function but the longshoreman would again iron out the port's problems in direct negotiations with the shippers.

There was one other fact the Commission blinked. Its tactic was to protect the AFL raiders, make sure their men got jobs. The fact is that most of the AFL raiders have quietly returned to the ILA. The Commission could no longer safeguard scabs because there weren't any.

SILENT POLITICOS: Whatever progress was being made against the precedent-shattering regimentation blueprint worked out by the Commission, it was being done almost solely by the longshoremen. Though both major parties currently campaigning in the city sought labor's support, neither challenged the bi-state Commission's program of union-busting, thinly disguised as "crime busting."

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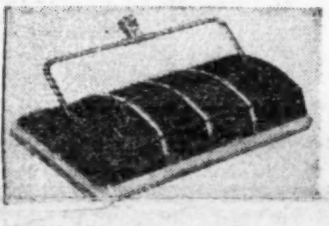

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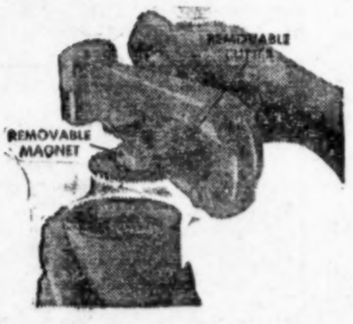

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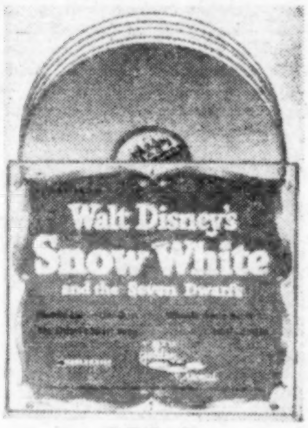

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May the best woman win

OUR COUNTRY is slowly losing its royal caste. You would expect that if a movie star (closest thing to a home-grown grand duchess) knocked on any humble door there would be an eager bid for autographs on the one hand and on the other a toothy smile.

Yet when Karen Morley went canvassing the other night there were no obeisances. The reason was simple: Karen Morley had abdicated. She was no longer a VIP. In Hollywood she had put aside the VIP crown when it came with a price tag of conformity. Karen Morley says she couldn't afford it. And since then she has steered clear of coronets.

KAREN MORLEY

Though no longer reigning in Hollywood she could still be a celebrity if she would only act like one. Her fans remember her from her movie days (**Our Daily Bread, Scarface, Pride and Prejudice, M, Black Fury**) and some have seen her since in recent off-Broadway productions (**Madwoman of Chail'ot, Major Barbara**). To top it all she is the only woman candidate for top state office, running for lieutenant governor (ALP—Row D) and if she chose, might act like Princess Margaret standing for a seat in Commons.

NEW ROLE: Instead, without a camera on her, she stood in front of a walk-up tenement in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section and said:

"I think I have stage fright."

Not that Karen Morley is shy about un-Hollywoodian people or causes. She has helped organize aircraft workers in California and Maryland and tobacco workers in North Carolina. But this is her debut in politics and she has her own definition of that field. She says she heard it long ago and likes it:

> "Politics begins when the milk comes in the morning and ends at night when the garbage is carried out."

Her campaign formula—when she is off TV—is simple: listen. She has the notion that candidates talk too much. She says it's the smartest politics to sit and listen because then you know what has to be done—and you leave the campaigning to the constituents—particularly the women.

THE ISSUES: So Karen Morley listens and she is probably the most talented listener on any ticket. She sat in the kitchen of Mrs. Santana that night and learned that she has two sons in an overcrowded school, works in the garment trade and takes in "homework" to help meet the family budget, is worried about her oldest boy's health as well as her own and has trouble convincing her husband to take the literacy test so he can vote—all this before Mrs. Santana knew that she was being canvassed by a movie star.

Then Mrs. S. smoothed her dress and apologized for the rotting linoleum on the floor and the dilapidated wood stove. By then with the real world's problems pressing all around the two women it was too late for glamor. Karen Morley is a publicity man's nightmare: she lets the linoleum and the worried woman—like the millions of worried women—take the spotlight from her. It is safe to predict that she will passionately dislike this column.

THE CONNECTION: Mrs. Santana worried Karen Morley because she found it hard to see a connection between the rotting linoleum and registration. Politicians had made so many promises, Mrs. Santana said, and the linoleum, like the health of her kids, had always been bad.

There was the same discouraged tone in Mrs. Williams' kitchen on Bergen St. Miss Morley talked of the American Labor Party always as a new kind of party—a listening party as well as a doing, working party. Mrs. Williams was doubtful, but her boy in his early teens told his mother:

> "We kept talking FEPC up here and now a Negro can get some jobs in New York he could never have had in the South."

Later Karen Morley said she could have kissed him. But she didn't—and that was the closest she is likely to come to kissing babies.

—Ione Kramer

OCT. 20 RALLY

Mrs. Frankfeld's 'welcome home'

REGINA FRANKFELD, first defendant convicted under the Smith Act to be released from prison, will be greeted at a "welcome-home" rally, Oct. 20, 8:15 p.m., at the Cornish Arms Hotel, 23d St. and 8th Av.

The Natl. Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims, sponsors of the meeting, saw in the rally an opportunity to spur the campaign to free all political prisoners. Other speakers scheduled are: Bertha Reynolds, social worker; Clauda Jones, herself free on appeal from a Smith Act conviction; James Aronson, exec. editor of the GUARDIAN; and Carl Marzani, author, trade unionist and lecturer.

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The festival, at the Casa Galicia, 153 W. 64 St., Sunday, Nov. 14, will feature movies and exhibits of Latin American housing, arts, handicrafts and science in the afternoon.

A specially prepared dinner will be served, followed by a concert of Hispano-American music, dance and poetry readings.

Tickets now available at ASP headquarters are $2 for all events, $1.50 for the evening's concert alone.